



CITY OF MARKESAN SPRING NEWSLETTER

City Hall: 398-3031

APRIL 2020

Have Questions?

Get Answers!

Contact the person or office listed to get the answers you need:

Assessment . Action

Appraisers & Consultants,
888-796-0603

Building Inspections . General

Engineering, 608-745-4070

Community Center Rental .

City Hall, 920-398-3031

Dog Licensing . City Hall,

920-398-3031

Park Shelter Rentals . City

Hall, 920-398-3031

Parking Tickets & Citations .

Markesan Police Dept.,
920-398-2121

Tax Collection . City Hall,

920-398-3031

Trash & Recycling .

Advanced Disposal,
920-387-0987

Water/Sewer Billing . City

Hall, 920-398-3031

Voter Registration . City Hall,

920-398-3031

Severe Weather

Shelter

Markesan Emergency Management will have the lower level entrance of the Markesan Police Department, at 150 S. Bridge Street, available to residents who do not have adequate shelter during severe weather. This shelter will be opened as soon as a severe weather watch is upgraded to a warning.

2020 Dog Licenses

The final date to obtain a 2020 dog license without a late fee was March 31st. All dog licenses **expired Dec. 31, 2019**, regardless of when they were issued. New 2020 licenses have been available since early December.

A current rabies certificate is required to obtain a license. **The fee is \$5 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$10 for un-spayed/neutered dogs.** A late fee of \$15 per dog is charged if dogs were not licensed by Mar. 31, 2020. If you acquire a new dog during the year, there is no late fee if licensed within 30 days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog. Failure to obtain a required license is subject to a \$98.80 citation. If you no longer have a dog that was previously licensed, call the staff at City Hall (398-3031) to update our records.

You may obtain a license by mail. Send (or drop in City Hall's drop box) a copy of the rabies certificate, the appropriate fee, including late fee, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope and your dog license and tag will be mailed to you.

Library News...

During these times of social distancing and ~~%safer at home+~~, the Markesan Library is still here with a window to the world. Online access to digital books, downloadable audiobooks, movie streaming and research databases like Ancestry Library Editions and Gale Universities are available. New resources like Tumblebooks have been added, and the library's Facebook page features a weekly live streamed storytime each Wednesday at 10:30 am.

Please visit our website www.markesanlibrary.org and our Facebook page for more information on all these exciting resources and some of the great plans and programs the library has coming up when we reopen. Look for 1,000 books before Kindergarten, Summer Reading plans, play stations, monthly crafts, and more to be on the horizon! In the meantime, join our Facebook Live events, like storytime and other fun activities like ~~%Hornet Strong+~~. ~~%Hornet Strong+~~ is a great way to show community solidarity and pride. Visit our Facebook page, print out a Hornet to color, and display in your window. How creative can you be??

Thank you for making our library and community so vibrant during these difficult times.

Brush Pick-Up

Curbside brush pick-up will resume on Monday, April 20th, and is for the disposal of brush generated from routine yard maintenance. This service is not intended for lot clearing or tree removal. The City reserves the right to refuse to pick up items in excess of routine maintenance amounts.

Brush is picked up the 3rd Monday of each month from April through October. Brush may be placed at the curb. Do NOT place on the street. Brush should be less than 6+in diameter, bundled in lengths no longer than 6 feet, and of a weight easily handled by one person.

If you have leaves or other compostable items, you may take them to the Recycling Center, located on Hwy A east of the City, which is open from 8:00am to 2:00pm every Saturday. An attendant is present to supervise the site. Leaves, grass clippings, and yard and garden waste may be placed on the compost pile. Brush under 6+in diameter may be deposited on the brush pile at the Recycling Center. Fees may be charged for certain items taken to the Recycling Center. Check with the attendant.

Please note, there is no curbside collection of grass clippings, and burning of leaves is prohibited.

Please note the following City Hall and Public Works & Water/Wastewater Department closures over the summer:

- May 25, 2020
- July 3, 2020
- September 7, 2020



Sat., May 30, 2020 – Trash pick-up

NO CHANGE IN PICK-UP DATE for July 4th

Sept., Sept. 12, 2020 – Trash & Recycling

City of Markesan Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Press Release Date: March 30, 2020

The City of Markesan is taking proactive measures to protect the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Markesan to help mitigate the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). We understand the measures highlighted below will have an impact on how the city serves the public, please know these measures are made in the best interest to protect the health of everyone in the City of Markesan.

- ❖ The **Markesan City Hall** is closed for walk up service until at least April 24, 2020. If you have a question or concern, please call 920-398-3031 and we will be happy to assist you.
 - Water bill, parking tickets and other payments can be made one of several ways. You may mail your payment to City Hall at PO Box 352, Markesan, WI 53946, you may drop the payment off in the drop box located outside of the City Hall entrance or you may go to our webpage and pay online. Our webpage is <http://www.markesanwi.gov/online-services/>
- ❖ City of Markesan **dog owners** are reminded that your dog license must be registered with City Hall by March 31st or you will be assessed a late fee. (Please see front page for additional information)
- ❖ The **Markesan Public Library** will be closed effective immediately until at least April 24, 2020. All current checkouts will have due dates extended until April 24, 2020 with no late fees assessed to customers over that period of time.
- ❖ All **city parks** remain open, HOWEVER all playground equipment is off limits right now. We want to stay in compliance with the Governor's %Safer at Home+Order. That means no playing on the swing sets or going down the slide right now, but you can walk through the park. City park bathrooms will be closed until at least April 24, 2020.

HOW CAN I HELP??

- ❖ Support your local food pantry. This is going to be a very trying time for many without our community and school district. Now is the perfect time to help support our local food pantry that works so hard to help so many. Here is how you can help:
 - Drop off non-perishable food items at the main entrance to City Hall, we will have plastic totes outside the front entrance that you can put your items in and we will get them to the food pantry.
 - If you would like to donate monetarily to the food pantry so that they can buy needed supplies, you can mail a check to City Hall addressed: Markesan Food Pantry PO Box 352, Markesan, WI 53946.
- ❖ Support our local businesses, many of them are struggling right now with the current restrictions and lack of daily traffic. Swing in and buy something from them.

JUNE DAIRY DAYS 2020

As of the mailing of this newsletter, the 2020 June Dairy Days Festivities are still scheduled to take place from June 12-14. Please watch the newspaper for further updates.

Cemetery Clean Up

Cemetery clean-up will be from April 1-15, 2020. Please help clean-up efforts by removing any decorations you would like saved prior to Apr. 1st. Decorations left after Apr. 1st may be removed during the clean-up. You may return your items after Apr. 15th.

Water & Sewer Report

In 2019 the Markesan Water Dept. tested for numerous contaminants and no health based violations were found. To view the 2019 CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) go to www.markesanwi.gov/city-departments/water-sewer/ccr/. If you would like a paper copy, you may call 920-398-3767 or 920-398-3031. Any questions, please call Anthony Doro at 920-398-3767. Also included with your water bill is a copy of cross connection brochure.

2nd Installment Property Taxes Due

Just a reminder that property tax 2nd installment payments are due to the Green Lake County Treasurer on, or before July 31, 2020. This payment cannot be made at Markesan City Hall. Checks should be made payable to Green Lake County Treasurer. Their office hours are 8am-4:30pm, Monday through Friday, if you wish to pay in person, otherwise, send your payment to: Green Lake County Treasurer, 571 County Rd A, Green Lake, WI 54941.

BULKY TRASH DAY

Per Advanced Disposal, All Bulky Trash Collection is suspended until further notice.

Please watch the newspaper for any updates regarding Bulky Trash Day.